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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37238

97-00291

Re: *Formal Notice of Intent to Withdraw Certificate of COCOT Authority of
BellSouth Public Communications, Inc.*

Dear Chairman Tate:

Enclosed are the original and fourteen copies of BellSouth Public
Communications, Inc.'s *Withdrawal of its COCOT Authorization*.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *Formal Notice of Intent to Withdraw Certificate of COCOT Authority of
BellSouth Public Communications, Inc.*

**BELLSOUTH PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
WITHDRAWAL OF ITS COCOT AUTHORIZATION**

BellSouth Public Communications, Inc. ("BPSC") was granted authorization to operate as a Customer Owned Coin-Operated Telephone Service ("COCOT") provider on April 1, 1997, by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"). As the Authority is well aware, BSPC has recently ceased providing payphone services in Tennessee. Consistent with BSPC's *Formal Notice of Intent to Cease Payphone Operations*, which was filed on August 12, 2003, BSPC hereby withdraws its COCOT authorization.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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